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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 1, Part 10, relative to the "Tennessee Cancer Reporting System Act of 1983".

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-1-1003(a), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and by substituting instead the following as a new subsection (a):

(a) To ensure an accurate and continuing source of data concerning cancer and certain specified precancerous and tumorous diseases, and to provide appropriate data to members of the medical, scientific and academic research communities for purposes of authorized institutional research, approved by the appropriate research committee of the applying institution, into the causes, types and demography of such diseases, including, but not limited to, the occupation, family history, personal habits and life styles, of those patients diagnosed as cancerous, precancerous or tumorous as those terms are defined elsewhere in this chapter, the following entities within this state shall report to the department information contained in the medical records of patients who have cancer and specified precancerous or tumorous diseases:

- (1) Hospitals;
- (2) Laboratories;
- (3) Freestanding cancer treatment centers;
- (4) Ambulatory surgical centers;
- (5) Radiation and chemotherapy centers;
- (6) Dermatology clinics; and
- (7) Certain physicians selected by rule promulgated by the commissioner of health on the basis of involvement by the physician with the treatment or diagnosis of cancer.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 1, Part 10, is amended by adding the following as a new section to be appropriately designated:

Section \_\_\_\_\_. Subject to the provisions of Section 68-1-1006, the commissioner of health is authorized to enter into agreements that provide for the exchange of data between this state and another state or states.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001, the public welfare requiring it.